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Sir or Madam:

In response to a request from [REDACTED] of the Quality Assurance branch of the Office, Applicants have amended the Specification at shown on page 2 of this paper. In addition, remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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## AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 56, line 1 as follows:

A "composition comprising a given polynucleotide sequence" as used herein refers broadly to any composition containing the given polynucleotide sequence. The composition may comprise an aqueous solution. Compositions comprising polynucleotide sequences encoding human  $\alpha 7$  (~~e.g., SEQ ID NO: \_\_\_\_\_~~) or fragments thereof (~~e.g., SEQ ID NO: \_\_\_\_\_, and fragments thereof~~) may be employed as hybridization probes. In this case, the human  $\alpha 7$ -encoding polynucleotide sequences are typically employed in an aqueous solution containing salts (e.g., NaCl), detergents (e.g., SDS) and other components (e.g., Denhardt's solution, dry milk, salmon sperm DNA, etc.).

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**REMARKS**

In response to a request from [REDACTED] of the Quality Assurance branch of the Office, Applicants respectfully request acceptance of this post-allowance amendment to the Specification. This amendment simply corrects clerical errors in the application and does not introduce new matter. No amendments to the claims have been made.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully request that this application be passed to issuance upon entry of the amendment to the Specification. However, should there be any other issues to resolve before issuance, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect.

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